

I CLAIM:

1. In an aircraft door having a locking assembly, the improvement wherein said locking assembly comprises:

first and second locking members each having a distal end arranged to move between engaged and disengaged positions with respect to a frame portion about said aircraft door;

a central actuator, each of said locking members having a proximal end connected to said central actuator such that in a central actuator first position said central actuator will cause said distal ends of said locking members to be in said engaged position while in a central actuator second position, said central actuator will cause said distal ends to be in said disengaged position;

an exterior handle movable between an exterior handle closed position and an exterior handle open position;

a first linkage extending from said exterior handle to said central actuator, the arrangement being such that when said exterior handle is moved from said exterior closed position to said exterior handle open position, said central actuator will move from said central actuator first position to said central actuator second position;

an interior handle moveable between an interior handle closed position and an interior handle open position; and

a second linkage extending from said interior handle to said central actuator, the arrangement being such that when said interior handle is moved from said interior handle closed position to said interior handle open position, said central actuator will move from said central actuator first position to said central actuator second position;

said first and second linkages being independent of each other.

2. The improvement of Claim 1 wherein said distal ends of said first and second locking members are designed to engage a recess in said aircraft door frame.
3. The improvement of Claim 1 wherein said interior handle further includes a second locking system, said second locking system being required before said interior handle can be moved from said first closed position to said second open position.